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SUBJECT: ZAIRE-KOREAN RELATIONS

1. DURING FAREWELL CALL SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR MIONG JEAN LIMB CONTRASTED CURRENT STATUS ROK-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS WITH SITUATION WHEN HE ARRIVED 1974. AS THAT TIME NORTH KOREAN STAR WAS RISING FAST WITH MOBUTU'S VISIT TO PYONGYANG AND ADVENT OF SIGNIFICANT NK MILITARY AND OTHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. NK REMAINED IN STRONG FAVOR UNTIL LINES BEGAN TO BE DRAWN ON ANGOLA ISSUE. NK RECOGNITION OF MPLA WAS MAJOR FACTOR WHICH ACCELERATED COOLING PROCESS. HOWEVER EVEN BEFORE THIS, LIMB CONTENDED, THERE WERE RECURRENT REPORTS THAT NORTH KOREAN AID PROJECTS WERE BOGGING DOWN AND FRICTION BETWEEN NK MILITARY ADVISORS AND THEIR ZAIRIAN COUNTERPARTS. TO LIMB'S KNOWLEDGE, ALMOST ALL OF THESE ADVISORS HAVE

NOW PULLED OUT.

2. SOUTH KOREANS HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY SEEKING TO TURN NK'S WANING FORTUNES TO THEIR OWN ADVANTAGE, APPARENTLY WITH SOME SUCCESS. GOZ HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT LONG-STANDING ROK OFFER AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN MEDICAL FIELD; FIVE-MAN TEAM WILL ARRIVE NEXT MONTH
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TO RUN KISANGANI HOSPITAL. MEANWHILE, ROKG HAS

DECIDED TO EXTEND MODEST MATERIAL ASSISTANCE (\$15,000
IN MEDICAL SUPPLIES) TO FNLA AND UNITA. LIBM SAID
HE RECOMMENDING THAT THIS AND ANY ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE
TO TWO ANGOLAN MOVEMENTS BE CHANNELED THROUGH ZAIRE
TO CREATE MAXIMUM IMPACT WITH GOZ.

3. LIMB WILL RETURN SEOUL LATER THIS MONTH TO BECOME
NEW CHIEF OF PROTOCOL.
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